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1. SITUATION REMAINS CALM.
2. CEMENT STRIKE: THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE CEMENT STRIKE WAS SETTLED LAST NIGHT AND PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NORMAL ON MONDAY MAY 14 IN THE SEVEN CEMENT FACTORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN AFFECTED.
3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, GERMAN GOMEZ PELAEZ, 62 YEAR OLD PROMINENT JOURNALIST AND LIBERAL " LOPISTA" LEADER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORDOBA, WAS FOUND DEAD ON 11 MAY IN TIERRA ALTA MUNICIPALITY (CORDOBA). GOMEZ WAS KIDNAPPED ON 5 OR 6 MAY 73 BY A GROUP OF 30 ARMED MEN, ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF THE PRO CUBAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN). HE WAS ON A POLITICAL TRIP IN THE REGIONS OF ALTO SAN JORGE AND PLANETA RICA (CORDOBA) AT THE TIME. " EL ESPECTADOR," LIBERAL DAILY, SPECULATED THAT THE ASSASSINATION HAD A POLIT MOTIVE, SINCE GOMEZ REPORTEDLY HAD RECEIVED RECENT THREATS ON HIS LIFE IF HE DID NOT WITHDRAW HIS SUPPORT FROM THE LOP PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN THE DEPT OF CORDOBA.

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4. THE 10 MAY 73 EDITION OF " VOZ PROLETARIA," OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA (PCC), CARRIED AN AD ANNOUNCING CELEBRATIONS OF "21 YEARS OF THE JCC" (COMMUNIST YOUTH OF COLOMBIA). IN ADDITION TO POLIT- CULTURAL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 11 12 AND 14 MAY, INCLUDING COMMEMORATIVE ACTS AT VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES, THE FOLLOWING CELEBRATIONS WERE LISTED.

16 MAY 7:00 P M AT THE PCC HQRS OF BARRIO SANTA LUCIA, WHICH IS ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS FROM THE EMB

17 MAY 7:00 PM A PARTY AT THE JCC HQRS CALLE 23 NO 15-37; THIS IS APPROX SIX BLOCKS FROM THE HOTEL TEQUENDAMA; THE HOTEL IS ABOUT 12 CITY BLOCKS FROM THE EMB.

18 MAY 7:00 PM, CENTRAL EVENT AT THE HQRS OF THE HOGAR UNION (UNION OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS), CALLE 17 NO 12-56, WHICH IS ABOUT 22 CITY BLOCKS FROM THE EMB.

(THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JCC IS ACTUALLY 1 MAY.)
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